

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. CAMERON R. McINTOSH (North Battleford): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister if the Royal Commission on Railways and Transportation will make its final report during this session? In the speech from the throne it is intimated that the commission is only likely to do so. If such a report is to be submitted can the Prime Minister give the approximate date when it may be expected; and can he also inform the house and country whether the commission will hold any further sittings before taking final action?

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): It is obvious, Mr. Speaker, that I can give no answer to the question. I have no advices as to when the commission will complete its labours, or as to whether or not it desires in the public interest, for the purpose of informing itself, to hold further meetings.

MAFEKING CUT-OFF

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. L. BEAUBIEN (Provencher): Would the Minister of Railways (Mr. Manion) kindly inform the house whether we may expect shortly the report of the engineers with respect to the Mafeking cut-off?

Hon. R. J. MANION (Minister of Railways): Mr. Speaker, frankly I cannot give an answer at the moment. I will look into the question and deal with it to-morrow.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

SUGGESTED PROCEDURE ON THE DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): It has been customary, I think, Mr. Speaker, to have the debate on the address take precedence over any other business. I presume the reason the ordinary motion was not put last week was to enable the Minister of Justice (Mr. Guthrie) to make the motion which he did yesterday. But might it not be well now to follow the customary procedure and to have such a motion put, and the debate on the address given precedence over other business?

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): It is not intended, Mr. Speaker, to make any such motion. It is proposed to follow the practice in the Imperial house.

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

NATIONAL SERVICE LOAN

Mr. REID:

1. For what specific purpose was the national service loan floated?

2. How much of the national service loan has been earmarked or set aside for unemployment and farm relief and direct relief?

3. What is the total amount allocated or set aside by the dominion for unemployment and farm relief throughout Canada?

4. What is the amount allocated, set aside or guaranteed to the province of British Columbia for unemployed relief works?

5. What is the amount allocated, set aside or guaranteed to the province of British Columbia for direct relief?

6. What were the total amounts of provincial projects submitted by the province of British Columbia for the relief of the unemployed and for direct relief?

7. What was the total amount sanctioned or agreed upon by the dominion for the relief of the unemployed, 50 per cent of which was payable by the dominion and 50 per cent by the province of British Columbia?

7a. What was the total amount of money for municipal projects or undertakings submitted by the province of British Columbia for the relief of the unemployed?

8. What was the total amount sanctioned or agreed upon by the dominion for municipal projects or undertakings for the relief of the unemployed, as submitted by the province of British Columbia, 50 per cent of which was payable by the dominion, 25 per cent by the province of British Columbia and 25 per cent by the various municipalities?

9. When were the projects submitted to Ottawa for approval?

10. When were these projects finally sanctioned and agreed to by the dominion?

11. What person on behalf of the province of British Columbia submitted the schedule or program of works, both provincial and municipal, in connection with the relief of the unemployed?

12. What is the total amount of money that has been given or sent to the province of British Columbia in connection with unemployed relief work and for direct relief?

13. When were these amounts sent by the Dominion government to the province of British Columbia?

14. Has the Dominion government earmarked any of the moneys sent to the province of British Columbia for the various municipalities?

15. What is the total amount of money given or allocated to the province of British Columbia by way of a loan?

16. Has any money been granted or allocated by the Dominion government to the province of British Columbia by way of a loan to the various municipalities to help finance them in carrying out works for the relief of the unemployed?

17. If so, what was the total amount so granted or allocated by the Dominion government for this specific purpose?